

June 25, 2001

The Honorable James D. Garbolino
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Placer County Historic Court House
101 Maple Street
Auburn, California 95603

**Response to Findings
2000-2001 Placer County Grand Jury**

After reviewing the Grand Jury's report and findings concerning our Main Jail, Minimum Security facilities and North Tahoe Sheriff's Substation, we have prepared the following responses to the Grand Jury's findings.

Placer County Main Jail and Minimum Security Jail Inspections

Recommendation 1: Placer County officials should provide strong support for this three-part approach (rehabilitation, prevention and punishment) to reducing recidivism. This support should include funding, making space available and remodeling of the facilities, where appropriate.

Response: Concur. Our Corrections division personnel are excellent. They are highly skilled and well trained in their assignments.

Recommendation 2A: The Board of Supervisors, County Executive Officer, Sheriff's Department, Criminal Justice Policy Commission and Facility Services Director should all work together to accomplish the expansion of the Main Jail and Minimum Security Jail.

Response: Concur. We are dedicated to working in a cooperative fashion with all County officials in responding to the County's high growth and the on-going need to provide quality sheriff's services and adequate jail facilities.

Recommendation 2B: The 2001-2002 Grand Jury should monitor the progress of the existing and proposed construction at the facility.

Response: Concur. We will endeavor to assist the Grand Jury in any way we can.

Recommendation 3: The Placer County Sheriff's Department and the Revenue Services division should continue to pursue reimbursement of the costs of medical care and the housing of inmates.

Response: Concur. We plan to continuing assisting the Revenue Services Division with the necessary information.

Recommendation 4: The Board of Supervisors, County Executive Officer, Sheriff's Department and Criminal Justice Policy Commission should continue to work towards construction of a South Placer Criminal Justice Facility.

It is this Grand Jury's desire, as it has been for the past Grand Juries, that a south county facility located in the Roseville-Lincoln-Loomis-Rocklin area be built.

Response: Concur. We believe this is an important and necessary project that needs to be started as soon as possible.

Burton Creek Sheriff's Tahoe Substation

Recommendation 1: The Board of Supervisors should commit to completing the replacement of the facility within the next four years.

Response: Concur. We need to replace this outdated facility.

Recommendation 2: The present building, although two story and wood frame, is without a sprinkler system. The County has installed an alarm system, but has no plans to install a sprinkler system in the building.

Response: Concur. Forwarded to the Director of County Facilities.

Recommendation 3: Add a second story outside fire escape immediately.

Response: Concur. Forwarded to the Director of County Facility Services.

Recommendation 4: The Grand Jury recommends the County proceed with this addition immediately.

Response: Concur. Forwarded to the Director of County Facility Services.

Recommendation 5: Obtain additional fireproof storage cabinets.

Response: Concur. We will add the necessary storage cabinets.

I wish to thank the members of the 2000-2001 Placer County Grand Jury for their dedication to the community and for all of their hard work during the past year.

Sincerely,

Edward N. Bonner
Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal